



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**FIRST NATIONS DAY**  
OCTOBER 7, 2005

**AMERICAN INDIAN MONTH**  
NOVEMBER 2005

**WHEREAS,** First Nations Day recognizes North Dakota's indigenous peoples and their contributions to our state and nation; and

**WHEREAS,** the forbearers of North Dakota's indigenous peoples played a unique role in shaping the history and culture of this state, as well as the history and culture of this nation; and

**WHEREAS,** the American Indian people continue to play a vital and integral role in shaping the future of our state and nation by making important and distinctive contributions to our culture and society; and

**WHEREAS,** American Indian governments, colleges, and businesses play a critical role in strengthening their communities and growing North Dakota's economy through education and business development; and

**WHEREAS,** the theme for this year's First Nations Day event is "Bridging Cultures – Building Relationships," emphasizing the long history of positive relations between the state of North Dakota and Tribal Nations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 7, 2005, **FIRST NATIONS DAY**, and November 2005, **AMERICAN INDIAN MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State